Dear Gros,

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You sure used an old address! Wonder it got here, with most of the older postal clerks and route people havong retired. We haven't moved since we left Myattstown in 1967, but the routes have been renumbered as the area grew. From 7 it went to 8 and that become 12 and now we have street numbers. The correct address is 7627 Old Receiver Road, same zip, Frederick, 21701.

I enjoyed reading your letter, in part because it reminded me of what would have been my second book if I hadn't been asked to do what grew into Whitewash II. I call the book I didn't do "Tiger to Riade," and I hope to live long enough to do it still. I've not read Shaw's book and maybe now I should. I have read Lifton's and in my belief you and many, many others were conned. He is a very persuasive man, and as unscrupulous, so it was not easy not to be conned. However, there is a test you could have given it if it had not said so much of what you wanted to hear. Of all the stuff that he so extensively takes credit for as his own work, can you now think of any that you didn't read more than a decade before he published? Nothing of any consequence except his own theory. And that, persuasive as it may seem, is entirely untenable. I don't want to take time to try and rebut the whole damned thing, but let me tell you a few simple things that he knew and just omitted because if he hadn't he not have had any book at all. Rather than nobody being on the off side of the plane, there were about 3,000 people there. The second helicopter took LBJ away. The first was for the honor guard, from Ft. Myer. The gate he claims was used to sneak the body in was locked and could not be opened because of the special security provisions that were imposed as soon as the Navy knew the body was going there. His whole story on the timing of the X-rays is false and he knew it. You'll find no account of when which ones were taken. He happened to call me and I asked him why he left that out. He had no answer, So I told him and asked him how his theory confirms with his omission of the time taken in X-raying and photographing, and he said it makes no problem at all because the autopsy didn't begin until 19:30. His source on this, he saidx, is Dr. Ebersole! And there is more wrong. There had to be at least two ambulances and at least one extra casket. The Navy sent an ambulance with LBJ's heart specialist, fearing he might have a heart attack and the military district of Washington should have sent a casket and to the best of my recollection, it did.

What interests me very much is the fine piece of research you've done on JFK's changed policies. If it is not too much trouble I'd appreciate xerocs of the originals you quote because I may want to use them if I don't have them or can't find what I did have. (I explain this below) They are not unfamiliar to me, and all post-date my own original analysis. followed by research.

The subtitle of "Tiger" is "The Untold Story of the Cuba Missle Crisis." I did not omit an "n" as a type. Cuba was incidental to it, as I see it, nad the Cuban Government was not part of it. You are absolutely correct in dating the change in JFK's policies to that time, as are those you cite. You also are absolutely correct in his planned withdrawal from Vietnam. However, he had begun it, which received little attention, and the withdrawals, which did begin, were ended before he was buried.

I researched the book in 1965-7 and I'm not sure I can now find tthat research. When we moved here I was just about broke and I could not afford file cabinets. Now I have about 60 four-drawer, regular size cabinets and a number of odd size ones. I've been filling them with records as I get them. After my surgeries in 1980 and 1981 I was even more dependant on student help. I had a good student part time before the surgeries. but afterward I had only bad workers. I've not seen or heard from the most recent one in weeks and now college is over and she's gone home without even speaking to me. The previous semester the girl I had and who had seemed to be good just didn't care. When I got hold of her, it turned out that she'd gotten a

job that paid more and hadn't bothered to let me know. She was uneasy about this and offered tocome and help when I got a new student she could break in. She did, and I'm aghast at the amount of deliberate misfiling I've just blundered into. I can only guess how much more there may be.

If I'd only known how poorly the one for the semester just ended would be, I'd have had a different one, but I'd spoken to the one I hired and she said she'd like the job and would get back as soon as she got her schedule. I'd also spoken,later, to another one when I'd not heard. Then the first one phoned and said she'd been ill but would like the job. So when the second one, who goes to the local community college, got her schedule and found she had time, she called me. But I'd hired the first one. Several weeks ago I looked the second one up and she'd still like the job, so we arranged for her to come when school ended. It had, and she put in two hours today. I've got to begin by making an inventory.Of more than 60 file cabinets of paper. Otherwise I've no way of knowing except by reading the labels and hoping they are correct. I had the first and the very good woman label each drawer. (The FBIHQ, Dallas and New Orleans FBI records take up more than 60 drawers and there are records not yet filed. Give you an idea of the volume.

I'm hoping this newest girl is dependable and that during the summer recess can get me caught up and everything located.

I've got 16 additionak cabinets in my small office. In these I have a folder for new information for "Tiger" so I can file and locate anything new that is pertinent in that book. But the older stuff is somewhere in the basement, not in the cabinets that hold the close to 400,000 pages I've gotten under FOIA.

The government is able to keep me pretty much tied up in these FOIA cases because they can get away with almost anything in court, including what is not uncommon, perjury. So, even though I'm trying to end some of thecases, even without real complinnce, they are able to continue to stonewall and they do. This and the medical needs take up so much time I'm not now able to write with concentration. I spend mornings at a local mall, doctor's orders, because I can walk there regardless of weather and can sit down almost immediately if I must. With certain kinds of pain, those from oxygen insufficiency in the leg muscles and those that might cause me to become unsteady, I am supposed to sit and rest immediately. Regardless, I walk at least 3 miles a morning 6 days a week, usually about a sixth of a mile between restings. Takes time, but I do it and I think I can see the benefit from it. I can't use stairs much, can't stand except for very brief periods, and have to keep my legs up when I sit. Kind of limiting but I'm still able to do a fair amount.

I'm hoping to get out from under enough litigation to start work on a new book on the King assassination some time this summer and then back to JFK.

Excuse the haste and typos. I've just finished a long affidavit in a JFK case, one as long as Inquest, and I'm trying to catch up on what accumulated while I was working on it. The stack is still imposing, but your letter interested me so much I just had to write you immediately. I would suggest that if you try to do more along the same line, you just note that Kennedy and Khruschev did reach an understanding, that JFK took it a bit farthur in his American University speech of 6/63, that soon thereafter he was assassinated, that LBJ's policies obviously were radically different (you might want to remember what happened in the Dominican Republic, in addition to VN) and that Khruschev did not stay in power for very long after JFK was assassinated. If anyone bothers to check Lifton out, your case will be weakened, and you really don't need it to make your persuasive argument anyway.

Hope all is well with all of you. Best wishes,